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GOP incumbents combat challenges from within

Local voters re-elected County Judge Jon Burrows and elected Justice of the Peace Don Engleking by overwhelming margins in the March 7 Republican Primary and sent County Commissioner Tim Brown on to face Democrat Britt Owen in November.

Burrows was re-elected as County Judge by a 64.83 percent to 35.17 percent margin over challenger John P. Galligan in the Republican primary. Because the Democrats put up no challenger, Burrows is elected to his position, as is Justice of the Peace Don Engleking, who defeated George "Bubba" Moffatt 630-184, garnering 77.4 percent of the vote.

County Commissioner



County Judge Jon Burrows



Commissioner Tim Brown



Justice Don Engleking

Precinct 2 Tim Brown defeated Killeen city councilman Richard "Dick" Young in the Republican Primary in perhaps the tightest race in the county, earning 54.2 percent of the vote. Brown had 1,463 votes, compared to Young's 1,234 votes.

"I'm delighted for the opportunity to be on the ballot again this November," Brown said when the final vote was broadcast at the Bell County Expo Center about 10 p.m. March 17.

Brown said that the primary was so close because he was "running against a

sitting city council from the largest city in the county who had his own base of voters coming into the race."

The Salado voters made the difference, as they cast their ballots by the largest margin towards Brown. Of the 10 precincts comprising the County Commissioner

Precinct 2, Brown won only three of them and tied for one box, precinct 206.

But the Salado box turned out 324 votes for Brown and 135 votes for Young, making it the largest box in the race. The second largest box in the Precinct two was #202, which saw 201 cast ballots.

Brown also carried the early vote with 742 to Young's 644.

In the County Court at Law Judge 2 Republican Primary, Bob Barina and John Mischian will face each other in a run-off election. Barina had 43.50 percent of the vote with 3,805, while Mischian had 37.76 percent at 3,303. Buckley H. Major had 1,640 votes for 18.75 percent.

County Commissioner Precinct Four John Fisher shucked off fellow Republican challengers Maureen Jouett and Doyle Dickens to avoid a run-off. Fisher had 50.33 percent of the total vote with 912 votes, while the Killeen mayor Jouett had 527 votes (29.08 percent) and Dickens had 373 voters, 20.58 percent. Fisher faces no opponent in November.

In the race for County Clerk, Shelley Coston had 5,465 votes compared to Trudy Stuart's 2,711 votes to garner 66.84 percent of the Republican vote. She will face Rosa Linda Martinez Hernandez in the November general election.

National contest awaits SHS students

For the first time, Salado High School will be advancing students to the national speech tournament: Senior Travis Cook qualified in LD debate and juniors Emily Dunn and Dixie Darling qualified in duo acting last weekend in Longview, Texas. This places them in the top 200 students in the nation in their events.

"We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these students. It is rare for a 2A school to achieve such acclaim in an arena that is normally dominated by 4A and 5A schools," said SHS debate coach Tim Cook.

Students at the national tournament will not only be competing for top honors, but for scholarship opportunities as college scouts from throughout the nation will be watching their performances.

"I'm excited to represent my high school," said Dixie Darling. "I'm also grateful to our administration, coaches, and school board for their support of speech and the arts. I really want to go to

college and this may give me the chance to do so."

Speech and acting competitions are fertile ground for growth in critical thinking as well as confidence-building, both essential life skills, says interp coach J. J. Jonas. "Students who compete in interpretation events have to do an enormous amount of research to understand their characters and they use higher critical analysis and literary skills to analyze scripts."

Dunn and Darling's duo, written by Jonas, is based on a contemporary script about two female soldiers in Iraq. "You can't play these characters without a deep study into current events and history, without understanding the implications of politics and its sociological and psychological impact on humanity," said Jonas.

"Some people don't think acting takes much thinking. Acting takes a lot of thinking if you're going to do it right," said Dunn. "It's like combining literature, history, psychology, sociology into one really



Emily Dunn (left) and Dixie Darling (right) play two female soldiers in Iraq.

tough honors class. You can't just read or memorize lines."

"In order to play a character, you have to understand what it was like to stand in their shoes at that moment in time. To do that, you have to really have to understand the times in which they lived and the events that surrounded them," added Darling.

Debate students must be prepared to argue both sides of a political, social, or economic issue. They research current topics and compile files of evidence from newspapers, magazine articles, and professional



Senior Travis Cook qualified for the national speech tournament in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

arguments must not only be compelling and persuasive, but concrete in factual evidence. This takes hours of research

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Lloyd Parks (center) examines the Money Jar donated by Century 21 Bill Bartlett Real Estate office to the Salado Civic Center Auction slated for March 18. Tickets for a drawing for the Money Jar will be available at the auction and dinner at the Salado Intermediate School. Valerie Bourque and Melanie Kirchmeier are shown above with Parks.

Jar of money to be given away

Century 21 Bill Bartlett wanted to know how they could help the Salado Civic Center with its upcoming March 18 auction and dinner.

"How about a bunch of money?" was the reply.

They responded with a jar full of money that will be given away to one lucky winner during the March 18 dinner and auction benefiting the Salado Civic Center.

But the Jar of Money is only part of the activities

during the evening.

Wilbur and Jessie who have presented to the Civic Center the "last" and most perfectly crafted model of an early stage-coach; surrey; doctor's buggy; whiskey hack; courting buggy; watermelon wagon; covered wagon; and farm wagon. The models will be sold during the evening.

Admission to the dinner and auction is \$10 per person. Tickets are now on sale at the Civic Center.



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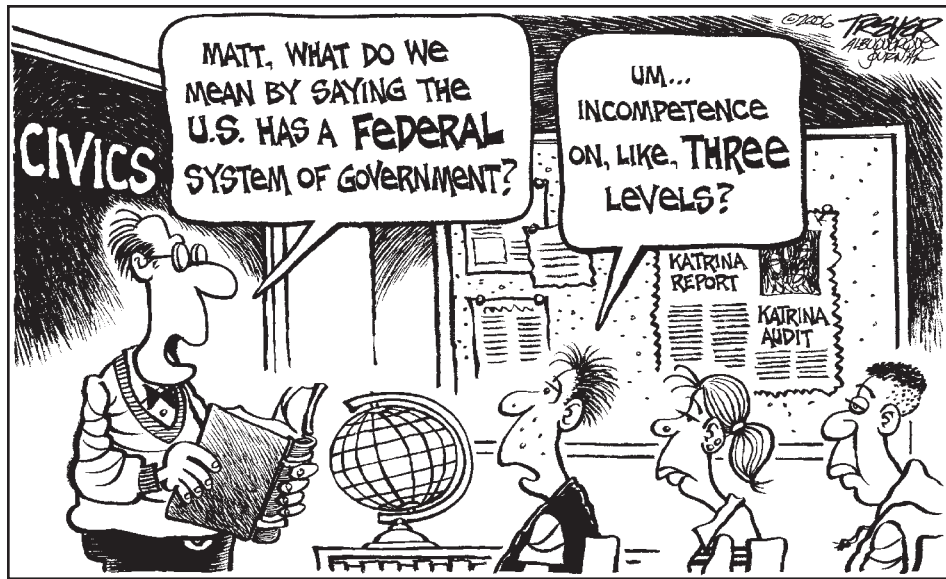
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An Open Exchange of Ideas



A question of honor

In September 1813, Andrew Jackson fought with Thomas and Jesse Benton in Nashville, Tenn., in a battle featuring a whip, pistols and knives. Supposed slights had roused the prickly sense of honor of these men. No one would remember the circumstances if the melee hadn't nearly cost the country the man who would become the hero of the Battle of New Orleans.

Those days are forever gone. But senseless violence over questions of honor is still with us. Except that the fighters are less formal than they were in Jackson's day, and they become mere mortuary statistics rather than fodder for historians.

A report in *The New York Times* identifies a rise in urban violent crime attributable to "petty disputes that hardly seem the stuff of fist-fights, much less gunfire or stabbings." In Milwaukee, murders rose from 88 in 2004 to 122 last year, with 45 of them prompted by arguments, "by far the largest category of killings, as gang and drug murders declined." In Houston, homicides jumped by 24 percent in 2005, and "disputes were by far the largest category."

The Times reports that murder suspects explain their crimes as a response to being "disrespected" or subjected to "mean mugging" -- literally being looked at the wrong way.

A case can be made that a direct line connects Andrew Jackson and today's urban youth. In his book "Black Rednecks and White Liberals," Thomas Sowell argues that a "redneck culture" -- including "touchy pride" and "boastful self-dramatization" -- was carried to the South by settlers from the British Isles, then into the cities with the migration of Southern blacks: "It largely died out among both white and black Southerners, while still surviving today in the poorest and worst of the urban black ghettos."

Two factors can suppress the worst

Rich Lowry



effects of this cultural tendency. The first is fathers. Unsurprisingly, a researcher in Milwaukee found that young murderers are often sons of teenage mothers. Without a father, boys will tend to have fragile egos and no impulse control. Throw in a blighted community and easy access to guns, and mayhem results.

The second is good government. Urban expert Fred Siegel says that many cities are "like a pressure cooker -- if you don't manage it right, it will blow up."

The backdrop to all of this is the spectacular irrelevance of the civil-rights movement. The coverage of Coretta Scott King's funeral focused on whether it was seemly for the Rev. Joseph Lowery, a civil-rights pioneer, to take shots at President Bush over his Iraq policy. The real story is the failure of the civil-rights movement to create a new generation of leaders willing to address today's threats to urban America.

Where are the uncompromising calls for the restoration of the black family and a new wave of vigorous, reformist urban government? Asked on "Fox News Sunday" what his solutions are to the problems of black America, the Rev. Lowery emphasized 30-year-old bromides. "Let's have more [government] programs," he suggested lamely.

The opposite of honor -- a perverse version of which is driving the increase in murders -- is shame. We should feel more of it when surveying our cities.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2006 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Writer offers variety of political flotsam and jetsam; Highlighting Bush, Perry, Strayhorn, and DeLay

The "official" first primary results - for both political parties - were made public yesterday (March 8), and thanks to the magic of electronics, the front page of your *Salado Village Voice*, was held open, in order to get the results printed (and on time) for this morning's edition.

Unfortunately, this column was "put to bed" before the polls closed, so for starters we had to settle for pure speculation on the gubernatorial nominating races - none of which had churned up much interest during this year's unusually quiet election period.

It was therefore, our best estimate ("guess" might be a better word) that incumbent Governor Rick Perry (R) came through his less-than-exciting race for reelection without too many scars, plus a majority of his party's votes, thus obviating a runoff. Thanks, mostly to the Guv's three opponents who campaigned with few credentials and even less money.

Included was **Larry Kilgore, whose campaign urged Texas to secede from the Union and form its own government.** It'll be interesting to see how many Texans are so fed up with Perry and his GOP-gang that they feel secession is the only way out!

Also in the "loser's circle" was Rhett Smith who wanted to secure the Tex-Mex border. And, Star Locke, who planned to do away with property taxation (like any good property owner) and replace it with new taxes on things he personally disliked: **including (but not limited to) abortion, soft drinks, fried foods and "dirty" TV programs.**

Small wonder these guys failed to make much impression, even though they were running against a most unimpressive fellow who has somehow managed to have an undefeated run for public office since 1985, and hankers now for an historic 10 year perch in the Governor's Office.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

The Demos also fielded some fairly uninspiring fellows this year including **Bob Gammage**, whose bio includes membership in the old House liberal "Dirty-30" reform brigade (circa 1970).

Chris Bell - redistricted out of his congressional seat by Tom DeLay, was leading the pack (money and supporters) in the final weeks of the campaign. And, **Pakistani immigrant Rashad Jafer, who refused to accept contributions.**

If either Bell or Gammage won with no runoff, then the November lineup is nearly complete - waiting only to see if Carole Strayhorn and/or Kinky Friedman can secure enough signatures to get on the Independent ballot.

"CRAZY HAIR'S NUMBERS"

While on the subject of the Governor's race - it might be interesting to take a second look at Perry's most recent poll numbers that were headlined (Temple Telegram) "**Big Lead In Race For Governor.**" The report noted that old Crazy Hair had built up a lead over his rivals with **an aggregate total of 36 percent!**

Thirty-six percent for an incumbent Governor running for reelection is scarcely "**big**" nor a mandate. Most advisors, (to a state official with such low ratings), would have suggested retirement and an exit with whatever dignity the candidate could cobble together.

On the other hand, with opponents

Off the Record by Ken Clapp



like those noted above (Kilgore, Locke and Smith), even Perry's low 36 percent approval level isn't hard to overcome in a lackluster primary.

PERRY'S REAL PROBLEM

Digging deeper into the polling results, we uncovered a question concerning the Governor, that produced a most damning result:

Question: Name "one" achievement that can be credited to Governor Perry during his first five years in office.

Response: 70 percent of those questioned could not recall a single accomplishment by Governor Perry during his entire time in the Governor's office!

That "do-nothing" feeling by such a large number of voters, could spell disaster in November - especially if the Governor has any sort of viable opponent.

Strayhorn, on an Independent ballot, is just that - a worthy adversary. She's the one person the Guv fears most, because she **knows where Perry's political bodies are buried and will exhume them one by one to Perry's complete unnerving.**

POLITICAL REVIEW

First - why is the Bush administration so puzzled over the fact that Americans are uneasy about an Arab nation operating six of our major east coast seaports?

Don't the Bushies realize how many times we've been told - mostly by "The Man" himself - that we are facing a terroristic enemy, scattered throughout the mideastern (radical) Muslim world, that lives (and suicides) for the day we infidels are destroyed?

So - when word surfaces that a "secret" (Bush) Cabinet group approved a contract allowing the United Arab Emirates to handle six of our largest seaports - are we not supposed to remember what we were told - and at least express some apprehension?

Come on guys - get real and try mixing a little common sense with openness, before you start making covert deals with the very enemies you have urged us to fear.

Next - Comptroller Carole Strayhorn is crying foul after learning that it will take the Secretary of State's office two full months to check her petitions containing the 45,450 names that, if approved, will place her on the Independent ballot.

The SecState you know, is appointed by the Governor and serves at his pleasure. Strayhorn, of course, is hoping to remove the Guv, and the SecState as well.

Grandma is suspicious and wonders if "two and two are still adding up to a GOP zero?"

And finally - just for fun, check out the results of the Congressional District 22 race. That's Tom DeLay's home base, where he was reported running for his political life.

He was so hard up for support that he started bragging on how much "pork" he had "earmarked" for his district, despite the fact that this procedure had fallen on "hard times" following Jack Abramoff's guilty plea and "tell-all" bargain. A move that's certain to ensnare many lawmakers.

DeLay, a former bug-exterminator, is a hard guy to swat down, even with an indictment in Travis County and goodness knows what else when disgraced lobbyist-in-chief Abramoff starts spilling the beans.

That's -30-

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Supporting troops

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DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM

The fighting in Iraq has been underway since March of 2003, making it such a constant part of our daily lives that it is easy to go about our business without ever thinking about the incredible sacrifices being made each and every day by the men and women in uniform. All Americans should make a conscious effort to become more aware, and to show appreciation for our troops to thank them for their service.

One of the hardest things a member of the military will ever have to do is leave the family, because there is never any guarantee that he or she will return to them. Often young, and the parent of very small children, the service member knows the risks he faces in leaving are very real, but he is honor-bound to serve his country.

The comfort of knowing that the family is waiting back home may be one of the few things that keeps a deployed soldier's spirits up. By the same token, worrying about the family left behind could also heavily wear on his conscience: How will they get from point A to point B in a strange city? What if they need money or food or clothes or medical care? Where will they turn if I'm not there to help?

When I commanded the allied troops in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, I held my subordinate commanders personally responsible for their efforts to support not only the service members under their command, but also to support those service members' families. I found that knowledge of their families' health at home contributed significantly to the military readiness and preparedness of the men and women serving

our country abroad. It was the soldiers who were most preoccupied with concerns of their families' wellbeing who were least able to focus on the job.

I am not the only person who recognizes that healthy military families contribute substantially to the overall health of the military. There are a number of military and nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping military personnel and their families, such as the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA). The ASYMCA has recognized this critical fact since the organization's founding during the Civil War. The organization is committed to helping husbands, wives and children of U.S. service members - especially junior enlisted personnel - cope with the realities of everyday military life. These include long hours, frequent moves, increased financial burdens, additional childcare responsibilities, changes in schools, separation from friends and family, and the tremendous stress and uncertainty related to wartime deployment.

ASYMCA programs include things like childcare, hospital assistance, spouse support services, food services, computer training classes, health and wellness services and holiday meals. The basic daily needs, or the technical skills required to obtain a job, or the concentration needed to sit through the school day, may be things that you and I and our families take for granted, but that are critical to ensuring the health and wellbeing of your average military family.

Knowing that their families have a support network back home lifts a great burden from our soldiers' shoulders, allowing them to concentrate on their duties, so that we remain safe. That's the kind of support our military personnel and their families deserve.

Moving the polls Your Voice

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

In reply to Jack Hardin's letter to the editor of Feb. 23. The Civic Center is a great place and there will be Village, School and Library voting there.

However with the growth of Salado and the large number of voters (which is great) we need more room. There were long lines, blocking both doors, and lots of complaints.

I'm sure if Mr. Hardin had been in those lines between 5 and 7 p.m., he would feel differently.

The Church of Christ Activities Center was offered to us. I talked to a lot of people from both parties, and went through all the proper channels, in order to get this accomplished.

The larger facility will allow us to better serve the great voters of precinct #203, in the County, State and National levels of voting, without being over crowded.

Sincerely,
Jean Westerberg
Precinct 203 Chairman,
Republican Party

FORUM



Choice drives competition

By Bill Peacock

Since it is an election year, it must be time for homeowners' insurance to be back in the news.

In 2002, the last time Texas elected a governor, the rhetoric was hot and heavy as politicians sought to blame each other and the insurance industry for high premiums. And just like clockwork, 2006 has started off with allegations of rate-gouging, failed reforms and broken promises, along with calls for increased regulation of insurers.

The first round of salvos was ignited by a report released this January by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners showing Texas with the highest average homeowners' rates in the country. However, Texas is being singled out among the states by critics, even though the report warned against using the data to compare rates state by state. Even worse, the price of homeowners' insurance today is being disparaged based on data from 2003!

There is no information in the report that can shed light on the Texas insurance market today. The only accurate conclusion to be drawn from the study is that in the midst of the insurance crisis, almost three years ago, Texans had to pay a lot for homeowners' insurance. That is hardly news.

However, though the data is never completely up to date, it is possible to get a pretty good picture of how consumers are fairing in the homeowners' market in real-time.

One way to do so is by looking at the recent history of premiums and

losses.

In 1999, an explosion in mold claims sent losses spiraling through the roof. In a three year period from 1998 to 2001, losses per policy almost doubled from about \$800 to just under \$1,600. Of course, premiums began to rise during that time as insurance companies tried to keep up with their increasing losses. However, it wasn't until 2003 that they caught up—and they did so only because free-market reforms adopted by the state in 2002 and 2003, put an end to the rising losses.

Though 2004 signaled a return to profitability, that one year could not make up for an average annual underwriting loss over the previous decade of 10.6 percent. And the 2004 level of profitability is unlikely to repeat in 2005, which featured hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

The report that led to the barrage of criticism said that the average homeowners' premium across the country was \$668. Yet, Texas Department of Insurance figures show that the average yearly loss per policy for Texas insurers over the last 15 years is \$693. Another way of looking at this is that the average Texas consumer receives more money for damage claims than the average U.S. consumer pays in premiums.

In addition, the highest rates in Texas are concentrated in areas where the probability of incurring losses is the highest. For instance, Houstonians must pay for the damage that will likely be incurred from future hurricanes and tropical storms.

The data indicates

that today's homeowners' premiums generally reflect justified attempts by insurance companies to adjust for the costs of doing business in Texas.

Another way to judge consumer welfare is to look at the competitiveness of the market.

In 2003, companies writing homeowners' insurance had abandoned Texas in droves, declining from 166 in 1997 to 101. Additionally, several of the largest insurers had announced that they would stop writing new policies or perhaps leave the state altogether. It was hard to find insurance at any price at the time.

In contrast, today's market looks very competitive. The market is less concentrated than it was, with smaller market shares for the largest companies and at least 17 new companies writing policies. Companies are aggressively seeking out new customers.

This competitive marketplace means consumers have choices. If they do not like the price they are paying or the product they are receiving, they can take their business elsewhere. Companies cannot "overcharge" their customers.

This is the case in the Texas of 2006. Consumer choice, not government regulation, has provided the best value for policyholders. More of this, along with some fair weather, is what will lead to lower insurance costs for Texas homeowners.

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Preaching ethics to cover corruption



Jim Hightower

Attention, class. Once again we have Congress to thank for teaching you kindergartners a lesson in moral behavior. The lesson is this, children: If you've been caught doing something naughty, the right thing to do is to deflect criticism from yourself by issuing a naughtiness reform package and scolding others for their bad behavior.

Our ethics instructor in this case is Rick Santorum, a far-right wing senator from Pennsylvania. Rick has been caught leading a political effort in Washington to pass the agenda of corporate lobbyists in exchange for them delivering the bulk of their clients' campaign contributions to Republicans. He has held weekly, closed-door meetings with top lobbyists to engage in this crass, quid pro quo corruption.

The insider deal between the corporate powers and the Republicans was given the code name of "The K-Street Project." Guess who else was involved with Rick in running it? The GOP's former majority leader, Tom DeLay, now known as "Captain Corrupt," and supersleaze lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who recently pled guilty to paying off several Congress critters for legislative favors they did for his clients.

So Santorum, who is now in a difficult race for re-election, has dressed himself up as the born-again Caped Crusader for Congressional Ethics Reform!

Incredibly, this poster child of the naughty entanglement of Congress and K Street is demanding moral purity from others. Like a street preacher, he is loudly touting political redemption through a legislative package to restrict the influence that those bad ol' lobbyists have on lawmakers. Curiously, when Democrats proposed this same reform package last year, Santorum showed no interest in it at all.

Did I mention that Rick the Reformer also happens to have received more campaign money from lobbyists in this election cycle than any other member of Congress?

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We all want to achieve financial security for ourselves and our families. But what's the best way of doing that? Too many people buy an investment here, take out an insurance policy there and just hope for the best. Instead of following this haphazard approach, look at your financial picture in its entirety - and then pursue a set of connected objectives.

What objectives should you follow? There are many, but these may be the most important to consider:

- Build financial assets.
- Protect your resources
- Create a retirement income stream.
- Transfer your wealth.

Let's look at the first two of these goals in this week's column, and the final two in next week's column.

Building Financial Assets
While you will certainly

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



have short-term needs, your main reason to build financial assets is to achieve your long-term desires, such as a comfortable retirement. Consequently, you will need to invest for growth. But you should also invest in vehicles from which you can create an income stream during your retirement years.

To meet your need for growth and a future income stream, consider taking advantage of your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b). If you are self-employed, or if you own a small business, you can

choose from a variety of plans, including a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA and an "owner-only" 401(k). All these plans provide for tax-deferred growth of earnings, so your money may accumulate faster than it would if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

Furthermore, once you retire, you'll be able to determine the amount of withdrawals from your retirement account, based on your lifestyle and your projected longevity.

To supplement your employer-sponsored retirement plan, you should consider opening a traditional or Roth IRA, both of which offer tax advantages. Of course, over the years, you can supplement your tax-advantaged investments with stocks, bonds and other securities held outside your 401(k) or IRA.

Protecting Your Resources

Your 401(k), IRA and other investments are financial assets for helping you save for one of your most important long-term

goals: retirement. But while you think about your future, you can't forget about your family's - and what it might look like without you. That's why you need to protect your most essential financial resource - your income.

And that means having sufficient life insurance. Your financial professional can help you determine how much coverage you need. But you can't stop there - because you don't have to die to lose your income. Consider this: A 20-year-old worker has a three-in-ten chance of becoming disabled before reaching retirement age, according to Social Security Online. Disability insurance helps guard your income against disability.

Finally, you'll need to protect your financial resources during your retirement years. You may never need any type of long-term care, but it's a chance you may not want to take. A year's stay in a nursing home can easily cost \$50,000 or more. To avoid bankrupting yourself or becoming a burden on your family, you may need long-term care insurance.

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Buying and Selling

by Ryan Hodge

Real estate agents are not necessarily mortgage specialists. However, we all know that financing is an integral part of any real estate transaction, and buyers often look to agents for some guidance relating to their loan options.

It is for this very reason that agents maintain strong relationships with local lenders and mort-

gage specialists. With all the issues involved in coordinating the sale and purchase of property, many agents simply don't have the resources to become experts in such an ever-changing field as mortgage products.

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Every buyer has a best mortgage match, and there are literally hundreds of options. It can make your head spin! Have an agent recommend another professional who can help get you into the home of your dreams.

Eagles roll out 7 wins

The Salado Eagle baseball team continued its winning ways last week, as the boys swept through their four games and won their second tournament of the young season. The wins improved Salado's record to 7-0.

On Feb. 28 in their home opener against Rosebud-Lott, the Eagles used a big second inning to jump to an early lead, eventually rolling to an 11-1 victory.

Justin Schiller led off the second with a single. After a walk to Kevin Jackson, Johnny Nix drove Schiller home with a single. Josh Shaw loaded the bases with the third hit of the inning. Wesley Ruth followed with a double that plated two runs. Shaw then scored from third on a wild pitch. Tanner Myers gave Salado a 5-0 lead when he drove Ruth home with a sacrifice fly.

The Eagles added to the lead with three more runs in the third. Ruth had a bases loaded double to score all three runs.

After Rosebud-Lott scored a run in the top of the fourth, Salado came back with two more. Jesse Rodriguez and Schiller collected RBI's in the inning.

Ruth finished the game off in the bottom of the sixth when he drove Shaw in from second base with a single. This made the score 11-1 and the game was called due to the mercy rule.

Ruth was 3-4 on the night with six RBI's. Matt Fritsch also had a multi-hit game, going 2-3. Keving Jackson picked up the win, going four innings. Nix pitched the final two.

In the Hamilton Tournament Salado had a more difficult time, but did manage to defeat Bangs in the opener, 5-3.

Salado parlayed four walks into a run in the second and then used five singles to score four more runs in the third. Nix, Shaw and Seth Hale all drove in runs.

Bangs caused a little tension by scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth. They also had a runner on second when the game ended.

Fritsch tossed four innings to earn the win, moving to 2-0 on the year. Rudy Torres pitched an inning and a third, and Nix came in to close the door, registering a save while throwing the final two-thirds an inning.

The Jarrell Cougars were Salado's opponent in the second round. It was another tight game, with Salado escaping with a second consecutive 5-3 win.

Jarrell gained an early 1-0 lead, but in the bottom of the third Tanner Myers singled and scored on Seth Collins triple to tie the game.

The Eagles took the lead with four runs in the bottom of the fourth. With two men on, Justin Pruitt lined a double over the left fielder's head for two runs. He later scored on a sac fly by Ruth. Myers walked to start things

over and scored on a double by Collins.

Sam Van Hoozer started on the mound for the Eagles, leaving after three innings with the score knotted at one apiece. Tucker Wilhite pitched a perfect fourth to collect the win, while Blake Heller pitched the fifth inning to get credit with the save.

In the championship game the Eagles pounded out 16 hits, with eight different players driving in runs. This enabled the team to cruise to a 17-5 rout over Academy.

Salado started the scoring in the top of the second. Jackson reached base on an error, and then scored on a double by Nix. Nix, though, was gunned down after being caught in a rundown between second and third. Shaw was then hit by a pitch and Pruitt followed by clubbing the Eagles' first homerun of the season. He lined a fastball over the left field fence to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead.

Each team scored a run in the third, putting the score at 4-1, but Salado blew the game open with six runs in the fourth. Rodriguez and Schiller both collected RBI's in the big inning, and Ruth drove home two with a double.

Academy scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, but it wasn't near enough, because the Eagles had plated seven more runs in the top half of the inning. Shaw and Myers both had three run homers in the inning.

Nix and Myers led the way at the plate, both going 3-4. Rodriguez and Shaw both had two hits.

Brian Bates was the winning pitcher, going all five innings. He struck out five and walked two.

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Lady Eagles win again

In convincing fashion, the Salado Lady Eagle tracksters won their second consecutive meet in the hometown Salado Eagle Relays, held March 4. The girls cruised to an easy victory by totaling 247 points, which was well ahead of second place Liberty Hill, which finished with 164 points.

Individual results are as follows:

Pole vault - Leigh Martin, first, 9'6"; Tamara Stanish, second, 8'; Sarah Cleveland, third, 7'6";

High jump - Molly Rooney, first, 5'2"; Lauren Haire, second, 5';

Long jump - Leigh Martin, third, 15'4.75";

Triple jump - Rooney, second, 34'2"; Martin, third, 34'; Lindsey Coffey, fourth, 31'5.25";

Shot put - Mary Run-



The Salado 1600m relay team won first in the Salado meet. Team members are, l-r: Keelie Mims, Molly Rooney, Amanda Mattson and Leigh Martin.

yon, first, 31'3.25"; Taylor Johnson, second, 31'2.75"; Haire, third, 28';

Discus - Haire, first, 101'7"; Courtney Dunna-hoo, second, 88'1"; Run- yon, fourth, 80'2";

3200m run - Chelsea Ervi, first, 12:18.16; Kath-

ryn Holdampf, fifth, 13: 46.86;

400m relay - Salado, third, 53.28;

800m run - Stanish, first, 2:35.04; Keelie Mims, second, 2:36.32;

100m hurdles - Rooney, first, 16.07; Danielle Haz- zard, fourth, 18.12;

100m dash - Natalee Cantrell, fourth, 14.22; Kristen Smith, fifth, 14.29.

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Danielle Hazzard competes in the hurdles.

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Ladies' 7th inning rally falls short in Holland

A four-run seventh inning rally turned out to be not quite enough to propel the Lady Eagle softballers past Holland on the road Feb. 28, as Salado fell by a final of 7-6. The loss dropped the girls to 3-3 on the season.

Getting the start on the mound for Salado, Shawna McPherson was tagged for three runs in the bottom of first, coming on three hits and a walk.

McPherson settled down after the rough start, keeping Holland off the score board for the

next four innings. In the top of the third, Salado plated its first runs of the game. McPherson got things started by leading off with a single, followed by a Rachel Coffey sacrifice. Heather Winters then doubled, bringing around McPherson. Winters would be brought home on a Shae Janda double later in the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, Holland padded its lead, aided in large part by two Salado miscues in the infield.

Trailing by five with one inning to play, the Lady Eagles came out swinging in the top of the seventh, as six hits and a sacrifice fly led to four runs. But a strikeout with runners on first and second ended Salado's chances and sealed the victory for Holland.

At the plate, the Lady Eagles were led by Coffey, Janda and Justine Ferrel-Raborn, who all had two hits apiece.

Boys golfers fare well at Stoney Point

As the lone Class AA squad competing at the Round Rock Stony Point Golf Tournament, held at Tera Vista March 1, the Salado boys more than held their own. The Eagles put together a score of 320, which was good enough for a fourth place team finish.

Ryan O'Rear registered the low round for Salado, shooting a 76. Wes Dowell put together a round of 79, Lucas Martin shot an 82, Clint Permenter an 83 and Travis Kemp shot an 89. O'Rear's score tied for the fourth best individual total of the day.

The second Salado team put together a team total of 375, with Jared Hahn's round of 83 pacing the bunch. Denny Jordan shot a 93, while Blake Newman shot a 95, Tyler Burden a 100 and Trevor Radcliffe a 115.

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first, 4:14.9
Junior Varsity
 The JV girls also came out on top in the Salado meet, finishing with 226 points, 59 points ahead of second place Liberty Hill.

Results are as follows:
 Pole vault - Ciera Pipes, first, 6'6";
 High jump - Jordan Dunn, first;
 Long jump - Cody Davis, first, 14'1.25"; Amy Wooley, fifth, 12'9";
 Triple jump - Caitlyn Ruth, first, 27'7.25";
 Shot put - Pipes, fifth, 25'2"; Dunn, sixth, 22'9.25";
 Discus - Kaylan Hearne, third, 82'; Pipes, fifth, 74'; Dunn, sixth, 71'9";
 3200m run - Kaleigh Rank, first, 14:34.12; Marissa Saucedo, second, 15:13.04;

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400m relay - Salado, first, 55.08;
 800m run - Saucedo, second, 2:51.05;
 100m hurdles - Ruth, first, 17.6; Kari Mohler, second, 20.10; Sarah Danek, third, 20.23;
 100m dash - Chelsey Resendez, second, 14.39; Brittany Dixon, third, 14.73; Dunn, fourth, 14.87.
 800m relay - Salado, second, 2:03.55;
 400m dash - Abby Frazier, third, 1:09.9
 300m hurdles - Ruth, first, 53.69; Mohler, second, 54.72; Amanda Hoffman, third, 57.23;
 200m dash - Dunn, third, 30.01; Dixon, fifth, 31.10; Pipes, sixth, 31.67;
 1600m run - Rank, second, 6:52.57
 1600m relay - Salado, first, 4:45.

Boys track places fourth in Salado Eagle Relays

The Varsity boys track team placed fourth, with 96 points, in the Salado Eagle Relays March 4. Liberty Hill won the meet, while Lorena took second place and Crawford third.
 Results are as follows:
 Pole vault - Josh Shaw, third, 12';
 High jump - Marquez, first, 6'1"; Williams, fourth, 5'6"; Whitmire, fifth, 5'6";
 Long jump - Chance Coe, fourth, 18'10.25";
 Triple jump - Whitmire, sixth, 36'5.75";
 Shot put - Cody Gobin, second, 46'6";
 Discus - Gobin, sixth, 118'8.5";
 3200m run - Johnny Kendall, first, 10:56;
 400m relay - Salado, fourth, 46.26;
 110m hurdles - Stephen Quick, fifth, 17.64;
 100m run - Coe, fourth, 11.57;
 800m relay - Salado, fourth, 1:39.05.

300m hurdles - David Rosenau, fifth, 45.16; Quick, sixth, 45.55;
 200m dash - Coe, second, 23.03;
 1600m run - Kendall, third, 5:03.2;
 1600m relay - Salado, fourth, 3:50.3
Junior Varsity results:
 Pole vault - Colin Smith, second, 11';
 High jump - Garrett Ward, second, 5';
 Triple jump - Ward, first, 37'2";
 Shot put - Payton Smetana, fifth, 37'2.25";
 3200m run - Michael Silkett, third, 12.38;
 400m relay - Salado, fourth, 49.30;
 800m run - Clay Sharum, second, 2:20.35; Kasey Cockarell, third, 2:21.31;
 110m hurdles - Ward, fourth, 19.93;
 800m relay - Salado, fourth, 1:46.1;
 400m dash - John Cruz, third, 59.67;
 1600m run - Silkett, sixth, 5:49.13.



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Jasso, Ashcraft quality for State Powerlifting Meet

The Salado Lado Eagles powerlifting team traveled to Lampasas March 4 to compete in the Region 2 Powerlifting Meet, with two of the four team members - Denise Jasso and Ksee Ashcraft - advancing to the state lift.

Ashcraft qualified as the fourth place finisher in her division with a three-lift total of 615 pounds. Jasso placed second in her division 760 pounds. Also competing in the meet were Cheli Urquiza and Jamie Burson.

The State Meet for the girls will be held March 17 in Killeen.

The boys Regional Meet will take place March 11 in China Spring. Salado will send the contingent of Sterling Martin, Trae Liller, Kevin Goodman, Austin Smith, Chance Coe, Jared Quirk, Jesse Rodriguez and Cody Gobin to the meet.

Salado Police Department January 2006 offense report

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1/31/06	Driving While Intoxicated	N. Main Street	Arrest
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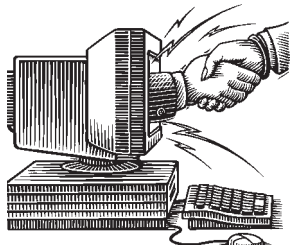
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Former state rep to discuss winning Iraq with GOP women

The Salado Area Republican Women will have a dinner meeting at the Mill Creek Country Club at 6 p.m. March 23 with a social time followed by a buffet.

Hugh Shine will discuss "Why We are Winning the War in Iraq

– What the Media Doesn't Tell Us."

Shine is the current host of "Centex Today, Morning Show," as well as the Branch Manager and Managing Director for Shine-Richardson Investment Group of Investments, Wachovia Securities.

Cost for the meal will be \$20 for reservations and payment received prior March 17. The meal cost will be \$25 for reservations made after that date. Make checks out to Salado Area Republican Women PAC; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571.

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The St. Stephen Catholic Church Women's Society gave Father Charles Davis (left) a surprise 70th birthday party March 5. With about 115 parishioners in attendance, a loud "Surprise" and singing of Happy Birthday, welcomed Father Davis following the 11 a.m. Mass. The pot luck dinner and fellowship provided an occasion for Father Davis to single out and honor Stewart Smith (right), a long-time Salado benefactor, for his lead in starting the St. Stephen Mission and securing the property upon which the church is located. In December of 1989, Stewart Smith was asked by Dottie and Matt Frost, if he would help them provide Catechism classes for their children. Smith helped them petition for a Catholic mission in Salado, after which the Bishop granted the request and had them contact Father Davis for help who was that the time pastor of Christ the King Church in Belton. Thus, the beginnings of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and the church's appreciation to both Smith and Father Davis for their roles in establishing it in Salado.

Blood Drive at UMC March 11

Salado United Methodist Church is hosting a blood drive by Scott and White Hospital to benefit Salado. The Blood Drive will be at the church, locating at 650 Royal St. 8 a.m.-12 noon March 11.

The Blood Drive is open to all persons and will benefit Salado resi-

dents. Persons on certain medications or having risk factors may not be able to donate. Donors will be privately assessed by Scott and White.

"The need for blood donors has never been greater," said Pastor Grady Brittain. "Giving

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Services held for Emma Faye Ogden

Funeral services for Emma Faye Ogden, 79, of Salado, were held March 6 at Scanio Harper Funeral Home with Rev. Theiss Jones officiating. Burial as at St. Charles Memorial Gardens in St. Charles, MO.

Ogden died March 3 in a Temple health care center.

Isaacs in concert

Southern Gospel music group, The Isaacs, will appear in concert 6:30 p.m. March 11 at the Mary Marshall Auditorium on the campus of Temple College. Also appearing with The Isaacs will be the Central Texas-based group, the Messenger Quartet.

Based out of Lafollette, TN, The Isaacs are a family group that has traveled for over 30 years. Theirs is a style that marries bluegrass harmonies and instrumentation with modern southern gospel lyrics.

Their musical influences stem from all genres of music, including bluegrass, rhythm and blues, folk, contemporary acoustic and southern gospel.

They perform frequently at the Grand Ole Opry, are active members of the Gaither Homecoming Videos and Concert Series, and travel throughout the year performing nationally. They have performed the National Anthem for many events, including a Cincinnati Bengal's football game, several Nashville Predators hockey games, various political rallies, and most recently at Carnegie Hall for a Gaither Homecoming Video.

A concession stand featuring sandwiches, sausage wraps, nachos, tacos, soda and more. Homemade snacks, as well as whole cakes and pies will also be offered.

Tickets for the show are priced at \$12 if purchased in advance, or \$14 if purchased at the door.

They are available for purchase at the RMK Gallery in Belton, 122 N. Penelope and in Temple at the Lifeway Christian Store, or at Holze Music Store.

Monette, AR, to Will Smothers and Raynee Blyte-Smothers. She lived in St. Charles County, MO, most of her life and was a homemaker and worked for St. Regis Paper Company in St. Louis. She married Charles Ogden in April, 1978. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include one

More ticket information can be obtained by calling Donnie or Linda Jackson, 947-5100, or e-mailing Cvmusicministry@aol.com.

Children under 12 will be admitted free.

daughter, Sharon Young, of Salado; one brother, Elvin Smothers, of Paragould, AR; one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

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Wildflower Art Show returns for sixth year

The Village of Salado is getting ready for its Sixth Annual Wildflower Art Show, April 1 and 2. The Show will be held on the Civic Center grounds from 9 a.m.-5 pm April 1 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 2.

Artists and artisans from Texas and throughout the Southwest will be featured. Works will feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, and mix media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glassworks, metal work and handmade clothing. Many favorites such as Raindance Watercolors, artist David Busch, Best of Nature and Pegasus Pottery will be returning to this year's show.

The Chamber will also welcome several new artists to the show. Best friends Laurie Williams and Deborah Jelinek became fascinated by birds and the intricacy and natural beauty of feathers during their many nature outings and vacations together. Wanting to find a way to share the magnificence of feathers with others, they began experimenting with different media. They encase the feathers in glass by creating beveled suncatchers as well as creating artistic statements using shadowboxes, textured papers, metal and wood beads to enhance the beauty of nature. This magical art has captured the hearts of many people since they began showcasing it in the summer of 2003. It is now enjoyed by people around the world from the U.S.



The artistic works of Laurie Williams and Deborah Jelinek will be among the many featured at the upcoming Wildflower Art Show.



to Ireland, England, Italy, Spain and Japan.

The artists are frequently commissioned to create works for individuals as well as corporate clients. Laurie and Deborah donate a portion of their proceeds to Art Ranch Crestone, a non-profit organization which

inspires young people to greater awareness through art, community and the earth.

Admission to the Wildflower Art Show is free. For more information contact the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254-947-5040, or, visit its website at www.salado.com.

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MARCH 9
 Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Helen Alexander on "Stress Management."
MARCH 15
 Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.
MARCH 17
 11th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament at Mill Creek, benefitting Tablerock

Amphitheater, \$60 entry fee. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Info: 254-947-3354 or email tablerock1@aol.com.
MARCH 18
 46th Annual Readers and Writers Roundtable, 1:30 p.m. at the Central Texas Area Museum. Liz Carpenter will emcee; seven Texas authors will be present to discuss their works and answer questions. Admission: \$5. To register or for more info, call the museum at 254-947-

5232.
MARCH 18
 Annual Salado Eagle Alumni Baseball game, at the high school field. Homerun contest 11 a.m., game to follow at noon. Open to any former SHS baseball players. Cost: \$10 for the game, \$5 for the homerun contest. Email t-shirt sizes to mbates@saladoisd.org if you plan on playing.
MARCH 18
 Salado Civic Center Auction and Dinner honoring Wilbur and Jessie Foster, 6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Tickets: \$10 per person. Info: 947-8300.
MARCH 21
 Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "New Wines and Old Wineskins (new identity) by Molly White, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.
MARCH 26
 Institute for the Humanities at Salado Spring Lecture Series,

featuring Admiral Bobby Inman on "Sustaining the American Dream." Lecture: 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center; optional dinner with speaker, 6:30 p.m. at same location. Tickets and info: 254-947-5729 or www.salado-institute.org.
APRIL 1
 Fourth Annual Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride, benefitting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department. Info: www.saladospokes.com.
APRIL 1-2
 Annual Wildflower Art Show. Salado Public Library Book Sale to coincide, both at the Salado Civic Center. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.
APRIL 2
 Living Room Theatre presents "Murder on the Menu," a luncheon theatre production. Two performances, one at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 2 p.m., both at the amphitheater at Tenroc Ranch. Reservations available for non-subscribers beginning March 28. Wildflower Art Show public may attend.

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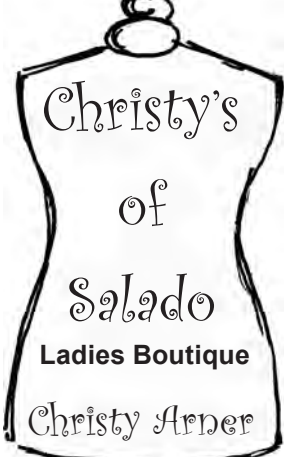


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APRIL 3
 Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.
APRIL 7
 Thomas Arnold Elementary/PTO Moms and Muffins morning, 7-7:45 a.m. at the school. Info: 947-5191.
APRIL 8
 Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3617.
APRIL 13
 Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ronnie Wells, "The Wells Story."
APRIL 14-16
 Easter Pageant at Tablerock Amphithe-

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APRIL 16

Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. in Pace Park. Public is invited to attend. Bring lawn chair.

APRIL 18

Teacup Tuesday meeting, Program: "History Mysteries" by author, historian and Salado-resident Charlie Turnbo, 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church.

APRIL 19

Mill Creek Community Association Spring Cleanup. 8:30 a.m. coffee and rolls, 11:30 a.m. free hot dog lunch. More details TBA.

APRIL 22-23

Eleventh Annual Gospel Festival at Tablerock Amphitheater, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 23. Food, drink, and gift vendors on-site. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets available at gate. Info: Donnie Jackson, 254-947-5100 or email cvmusicministry@aol.com.

MAY 1

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

MAY 6

Institute for the Humanities at Salado Spring Lecture Series, featuring Patricia Limerick, Ph.D on "Pride Without Vanity: Patriotism in the 21st Century." Lecture: 5-7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center; lunch with the speaker, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Range. Tickets and info: 254-947-5729 or www.salado-institute.org.

MAY 6-7

Third Annual Salado Yard and Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 and 1-4 p.m. May 7. More details TBA.

MAY 11

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at the Salado Civic Center. Program: Gwen Morrison on "Mothers and Daughters."

MAY 11

Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert 7 pm at the Salado Civic Center

MAY 13

Second Annual Salado Fine Art Trail. Salado's seven galleries invite visitors to join them

for an after-hours special event. There will be door prizes, drawings, refreshments and an opportunity to meet the artists in a relaxed atmosphere. Galleries will be open until 9 p.m.

MAY 13

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elementary Fourth Grade Play at Tablerock Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m. Students, under the direction of Jackie Mills, write, produce, crew and act in their own melodrama. Admission: Adults, \$5; children, \$3.

MAY 16

Teacup Tuesday meeting, "Tea, Talk and Togetherness" luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Details TBA.

MAY 17

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

MAY 25

Salado High School Class of 2005-06 graduation ceremony at Bell County Expo Center. Info: Salado High School, 254-947-5429.

JUNE 5

Salado Historical Society board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

JUNE 8

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Storyteller Joe Pehoski.

JUNE 10

Annual Salado Reunion, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School. Info: 254-947-5783 or 254-939-3187.

JUNE 21

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JUNE 24-25

Auditions for Tablerock's production of Macbeth, 3 p.m. both days at Tablerock. Director: David Dunlap, 254-247-0220 or ddunlap@

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JULY 4

Salado Historical Society Annual Picnic, 6:30 p.m. in Pace Park.

JULY 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Ruth Daw, "Women of Peru."

JULY 19

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

JULY 22, 29 & AUG. 5

Tablerock's 14th Annual presentation of Salado Legends, 8:15 p.m. Dinner: 7:15 p.m., cost \$8, reservations required. Performance tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Info: 254-947-3205 or www.tablerock.org.

40th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. Info: Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254-947-5040.

AUGUST 5-6

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Program: Paul Letourneau on his book "My Vietnam Experiences." Spouses invited.

AUGUST 10

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social, 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Details TBA.

AUGUST 12

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Tablerock's Fantasy Faire 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, featuring characters from history, literature, mythology and imagination. Enjoy music, dance, swordplay and storytelling, and shop goods from over 50 vendors. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, seniors and military. Info: 254-624-1008 or email

hood@tablerock.org.

SEPTEMBER 20

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 7-8

Auditions for Tablerock's annual A Christmas Carol production, 3 p.m. both days. Info: 254-947-9205 or email harrycsweet@sbcgl

obal.net.

OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21

Tablerock's Annual Shakespeare Play, Macbeth, under the stars, 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for child, student or military. Info: 254-247-0220 or email ddunlap@tablerock.org.

OCTOBER 12-14

Annual Christmas in October event, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary. Details TBA.

OCTOBER 18

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Area Republican Women Fine China Luncheon, noon at Mill

Creek Restaurant. Info: 254-947-3433.

OCTOBER 21

Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start at Mill Creek. Info: Salado Chamber, 254-947-5040.

OCTOBER 21

Salado Education Foundation Cattleman's Ball at Tenroc Ranch. For tickets call 947-1958

OCTOBER 28-29

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NOVEMBER 15

Mill Creek Community Association meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Creek.

NOVEMBER 21

Salado Historical Society annual General Meeting and Chili Supper, 6:15 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8 AND 9

Tablerock Amphitheater's Annual presentation of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, A

Christmas Carol, 7 p.m. each night. Tickets available at the gate beginning 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Info: 254-947-9205 or www.tablerock.org.

DECEMBER 1-3

Salado Historical Society's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 1-3 & 8-10

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll event. More details TBA.

DECEMBER 12

Mill Creek Community Association meeting and Christmas Dinner at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner.

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Dr. Kim Van Cura presents Dale Gore with a scepter after his appointment as "Salado Community Chorus Sweetheart" on Valentine's Day. The chorus director and board planned the event which caught the chorus members completely by surprise, especially Dale Gore who responded with "good humor". The chorus, with a membership of 40 men and women, is preparing for their spring concert on May 11.



Crazy Cousin Kitty (portrayed by Patsy Tynes).

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This week's suspect named in the murder of Salado Socialite Leona MacBeth is Crazy Cousin Kitty, a feline-esque relative of the soon-to-be-deceased dramatization. Although Kitty is being questioned by Salado police, she has not been arrested or accused of murder for two reasons: Leona MacBeth is not well-liked, and Cousin Kitty is crazy; so what's

the point!

Other suspects are Leona's Nameless Servant; Leona's Husband, Leon; Noonie, the Nosey Neighbor; Ranch Foreman Bubba Billy Joe Don Bob White; Mary Lou Setswan Chou, Widow of the Chinese Ambassador to Canada; and Republicrat State Senator "Bull" Hockey.

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The wisdom of Hippocrates

"Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food"-Hippocrates (377-460 BC)

The "Father of Medicine" was on to something, unfortunately 2400 years later, we in America have not followed through. We view drugs as our medicine and that premise has left our country the richest, but the sickest in the world. Much of Hippocrates wisdom transcends all time, as even now the Hippocratic Oath governs the ethical conduct of physicians today.

How much better would our health be today if we just followed that one simple quote, "Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food?"

For the past two months I have repeatedly conveyed the message, "you can take ownership of your own health." Hippocrates knew this in 460 BC. Read what he had to say then, and reflect on how true his statements still are today.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The U.S. spends more on drugs and procedures than any country in the world. We need to take a hard look at what really works. Drugs are just that, toxins that treat symptoms while the disease continues on. It seems so simple to develop habits (ounces of prevention) that will keep us from disease so we do not have to pay for it later (pound of cure).

"Everything in excess is opposed to nature."

Most people know about free radicals and how they attack our body and create disease.

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS

By KEVIN McCAULEY



But, did you realize that one of the easiest ways to create an abundance of free radicals was by over-eating? Yes, the extra work put upon the mitochondria in each and every cell creates tremendous damage to the body. In this instance, "excess" kills.

"To do nothing is sometimes a good remedy."

Rest, recovery and recuperation give the body the opportunity to "remedy" the overworked glands and organs, or more specifically, the immune and endocrine systems. Today with all the "chronic" stresses in our lives, we need to manage our stress or this constant will cause illnesses and disease.

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"If we could give every individual the right amount of nourishment and exercise, not too little and not too much, we would have found the safest way to health."

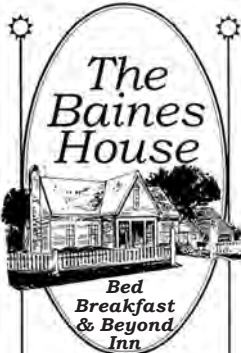
No arguments here.

We have come to a time in the history of America that less and less people are dying of "old age", and more and more people are dying of "disease." Why? Well, we need to value what Hippocrates said about the value of proper nourishment and exercise, because it is the "safest way to health."

If I could sum up Hippocrates work it would be this, the human body can heal itself and can return itself to good

health. This fundamental truth will move people, adults and children alike, toward not only improved longevity but a better quality of life as well.

Kevin McCauley, MA, is a Lifestyle and Wellness Coach serving the Greater Salado Area. He has over 15 years of professional experience as a clinical nutritionist and personal trainer. He can be contacted at youbewell@earthlink.net or 254-947-8304.



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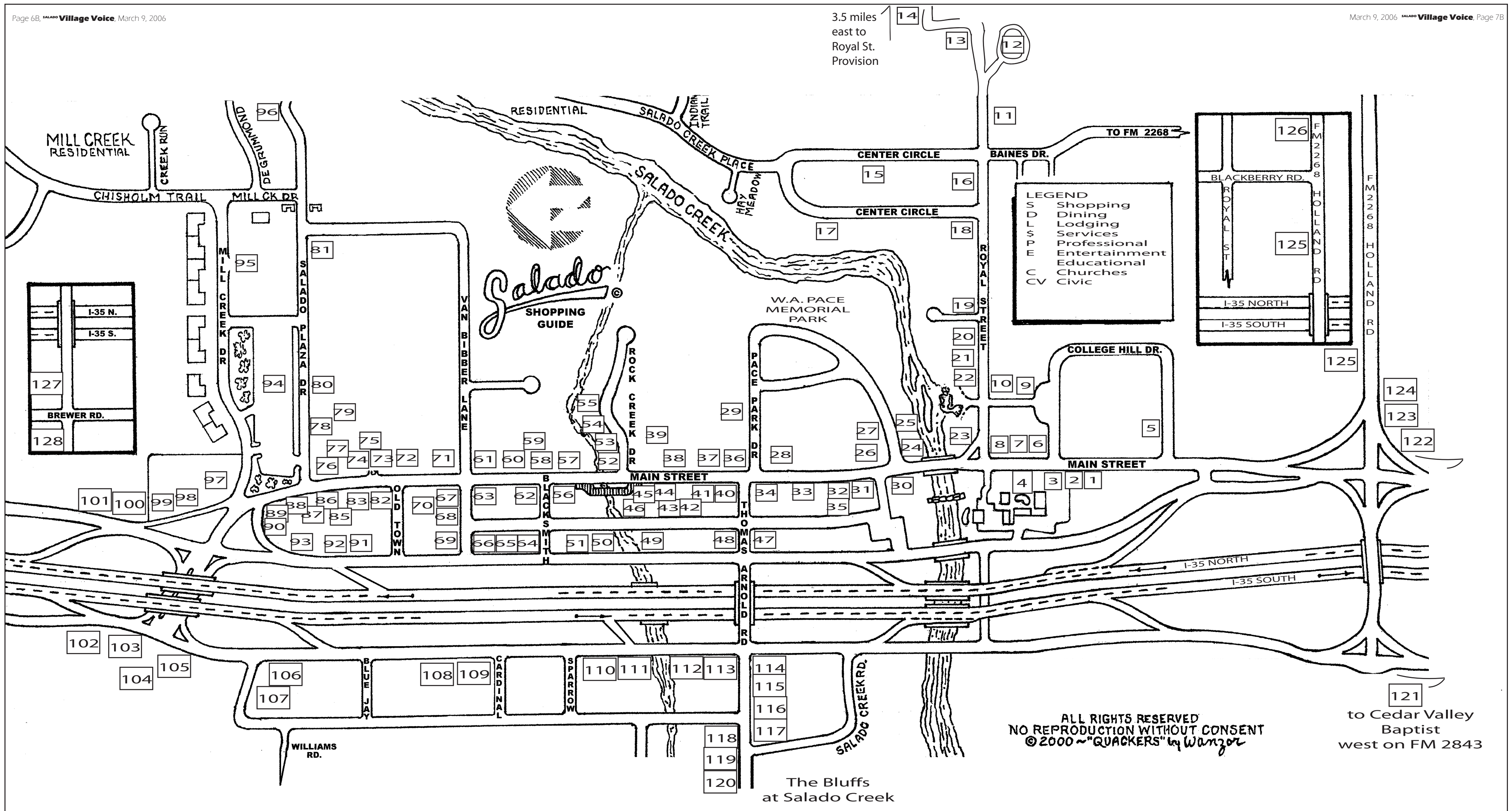
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Pictured above are the Thomas Arnold Elementary fourth grade playwrights. They are, left to right: Rachel Ray, Jordan Drake, Savannah Ortiz, Morgan Hill, Abby Simmonds, Dane Hankamer, Kyle Heiner and Davis Little. The annual fourth grade melodrama will be held May 13 at Tablerock Amphitheater.

Young playwrights at work on melodrama

4th grade play set for May 13

Thomas Arnold Elementary fourth grade students are currently penning their melodrama about the many ethnic groups that founded, and still live in Salado, and the legend of a buried treasure near the Stagecoach Inn Springs and Salado Creek. The play's time period is 1922, the year after the great central Texas flood.

The eight playwrights, chosen by their teachers, have met with playwright/author Jackie Mills daily since January to research

and write their script. The playwrights are: Jordan Drake, Abby Simmonds, Morgan Hill, Savannah Ortiz, Rachel Ray, Davis Little, Kyle Heiner and Dane Hankamer.

The fourth grade playwrights were privileged to have Salado Poet Laureate, Patsy Sanford, instruct about writing, characters and the six senses. Author Elizabeth Silverthorn and the CEO of Stagecoach Inn Properties, John Anderson, will also be

guest speakers before the children complete their work on the melodrama.

Rehearsals begin March 20 at Tablerock Amphitheater. All money earned from the performance will be banked by Salado ISD and used exclusively for this years' fourth graders to fund their senior class trip. Money for this production is furnished by a grant, written by Jackie Mills, from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

The melodrama will be performed 7:30 p.m. May 13 at Tablerock. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The concession stand will open at 6:30 p.m. for dinner before the play.

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In stews, mushrooms are an alternative to meat

After almost half a century of writing about my favorite topic, I'm hanging up my apron, storing my tasting spoon and covering my typewriter. Yes, typewriter -- no computer, just my old reliable, noisy, manual Remington, which has stood by me for so long. I've loved talking with you through your newspaper and will miss you. I hope that over the years, I've lured some of you into the kitchen, tempted some to try new ways to spice up your own recipes, and have gathered the family around the table.

For my final column, I've decided to reprint a reader favorite. If you're yearning for a big bowl of hot soup or a hearty down-home stew with not

too much meat, then look to mushrooms with their meat-like texture.

In the stew featured here, portabella and the more familiar white mushrooms replace the meat and make it hunger-appeasing. Serve it with mashed potatoes. Better still, try baked potatoes with a little of the stew sauce poured over. (No-no on the sour cream.)

This version of the Stroganoff has less fat and calories than the classic. Only 12 ounces of meat is beefed up by a pound of mushrooms. Serve it with the traditional noodles or with cabbage for fewer carbs.

Winter Portabella Mushroom Stew

The Chopping Block

By Philomena Corradeno

4 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, diced
1 to 2 teaspoons chopped fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary
8 ounces portabella mushrooms, sliced 1/2-inch thick
1 pound large white mushrooms, thickly sliced
1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes
3 tablespoons tomato paste
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon white or red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons butter (optional)
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onions and rosemary; and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are lightly browned, about 12 minutes; remove to a bowl. Return the pan to the stove and add half the remaining oil. Add the portabella mushrooms and sauté until nicely browned, about five minutes, remove to bowl with onion mixture. In the remaining oil sauté white mushrooms. Return everything to the pan and add the tomatoes, tomato paste, garlic, vinegar and 1-1/2 cups water. Simmer gently for 12 to 15

minutes, then swirl in the butter. Season with salt and pepper. Makes four portions.

Beef and Mushroom Stroganoff

2 tablespoons butter
12 ounces beef tenderloin (fillet), thinly sliced
1 pound mushrooms, quartered (about 6 cups)
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup dry white wine
1/2 cup reduced-fat sour

cream

In a large nonstick skillet, melt butter over high heat. Add beef, half at a time. Cook until browned on both sides, turning once, about 4 minutes; remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining beef. Add mushrooms, onions, dill, salt and pepper; cook, stirring constantly, for four minutes. Add wine and return beef to skillet. Cook until heated through, about three minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in sour cream until blended. Makes four to five portions.

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Mealtime Mastered at The Range

The Range at the Barton House has announced its Mealtime Mastered: Bringing Families to the Table menu for March. All March sessions were sold out, but a special Sunday session has been added:

Here are the dozen meals to be prepared for Mealtime Mastered this month:

1. Orange Glazed Flank Steak with Baked Potatoes and Green Beans.
2. Pan Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Pineapple BBQ Sauce. Serve with tossed salad.
3. Sautéed Pork Chops with Apple Chutney. Serve tossed salad and wild rice.
4. Caramelized Onion, Gruyere and Bacon Quiche. Fresh Fruit and rolls.
5. Baked Ravioli with Tomato Sauce and Mozzarella. Serve with garlic bread and tossed salad.
6. Mustard and Herb Crusted Salmon Filets. Serve with tossed salad and glazed baby carrots.
7. Traditional Chicken Enchiladas. Serve with

Refried beans and Seasoned Rice.

8. Chili-Rubbed Sirloin Steaks with Seasoned Shoestring Fries. Tossed Salad and Steamed Broccoli.

9. Herb and Vinegar Marinated Chicken Breasts and Corn Pudding. Fresh Fruit and

you're good to go.

10. Individual Pizza Pockets. Marinara Sauce and Tossed Salad finish this meal.

11. Sautéed Shrimp with Linguini. Garlic bread and a tossed salad round this out.

12. Swedish Meatballs with Party Potatoes.

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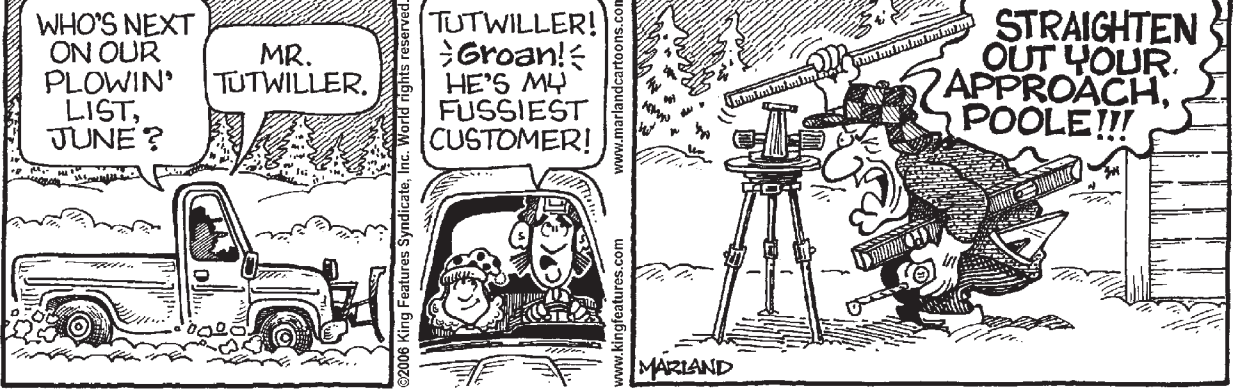
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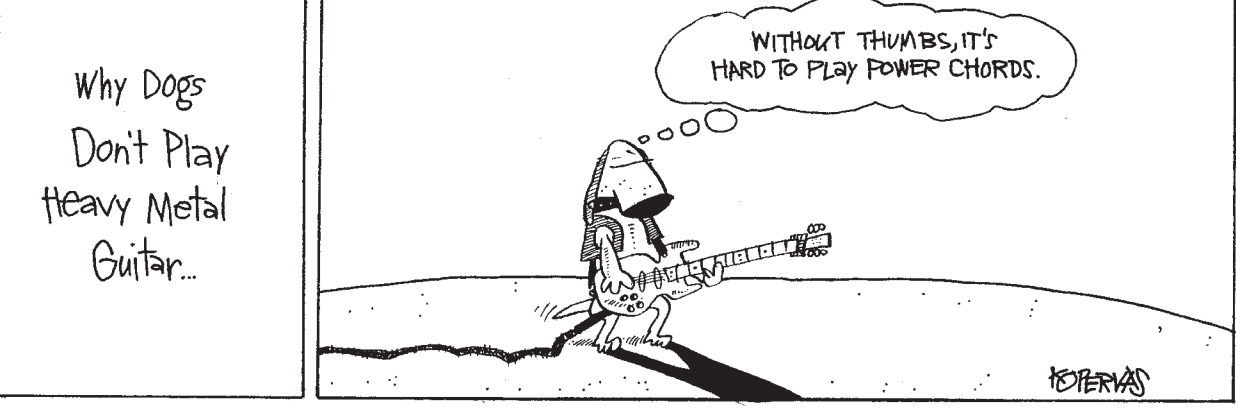
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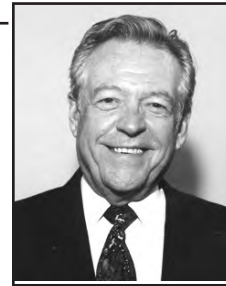



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I really get excited when I'm asked to make a speech somewhere. Within a five-week period from mid-January to mid-February I spoke in McCamey, Dayton, Burkburnett, Stonewall, Brenham and Fort Stockton. I've never had so many speeches this early in the year. In March I speak in Rankin, Colorado City, Midland, Sweetwater and Big Lake. Speaking is so much fun! I love to look at the audience and see all those smiles.

Finding out some background on the communities where I speak is fascinating. McCamey used to have rattlesnake races. Somebody drew a big circle, put a bunch of snakes in the middle of it and the first one out of the circle was the winner.

McCamey was founded as an oil field town. It's named for the wildcatter who hit pay dirt in 1925. Now the sound of pump jacks is joined by the soft pulsating whirr of wind turbines on nearby Mesas, earning McCamey the title of wind energy capi-

tal of Texas.

Dayton is on the coastal plain, where the marshland meets the tall trees and water, wildlife and woods combine to show off nature at its best, offering a paradise to people who love the outdoors.

Residents of Burkburnett call their city Burk. It is named for Burk Burnett, the owner of the 4-6's Ranch, which had its first headquarters just outside of town. In 1918, Burkburnett had one of the biggest oil booms in Texas.

Of all the oil booms before and after the one at Burkburnett, this was the one to be documented and made legendary by Hollywood. The boom at Burk was the inspiration for the movie "Boom Town," starring two of the biggest stars to ever appear on the

screen: Spencer Tracy and Clark Gable.

When I spoke at the Stonewall Chamber banquet, we stayed on a ranch just outside of town. At the banquet, people told me about The Cave Creek Church, which we would pass on the way back to the ranch. They said during the Christmas holidays it was outlined in white lights. As we neared the entrance to the ranch after the banquet, we saw that someone had turned on the church lights just for us. On a small highway in the dark of night to see the church all lighted up was some sight.

Brenham is special because it's the home of Bluebell ice cream. It's near Washington on the Brazos, the place where Texas was created. Ev-

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Alumni Game set for March 18

The Fifth Annual Salado High School Alumni Baseball Game will take place March 18 at the SHS baseball field.

The game is scheduled to begin at approximately noon, but the popular homerun derby will take place at 11 a.m. Participation fee for the alumni game is \$10, which includes a t-shirt, while participation in the homerun derby is set at \$5.

Alumni will divide into teams, with those that graduated in even-numbered years on one squad, and those that graduated in odd-numbered years on the other.

The homerun contest will be split into an Over-30 division, and an Under-30 division.

In last year's game, the Evens (those who graduated in even years) thoroughly dismantled the Odds (odd year graduates) by a final of 17-3. It was the most lopsided game in the short history of the series, and gave the Evens a 2-1 series advantage. Defending homerun contest champions are Curtis Thompson in the Over-30 and Scott Bates in the Under-30.

For more information about the alumni game contact Coach Melvin Bates at 254-947-5429, ext. 1201, or email mbates@saladoisd.org. Also, those planning on playing should email Bates their t-shirt sizes, as well.



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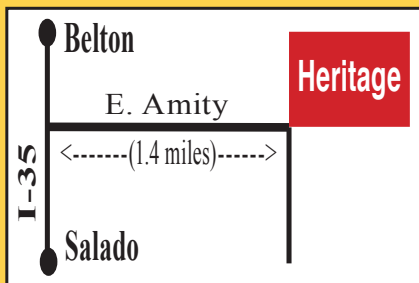
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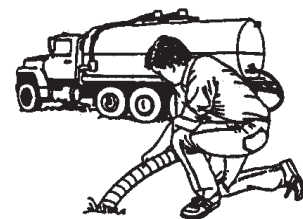
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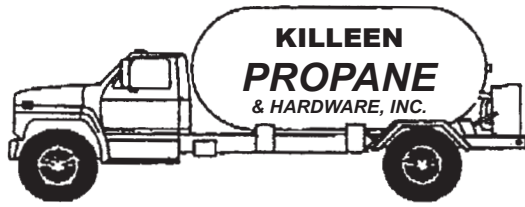
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